

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing to consider the nomination of George Omas to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on "The State of Foreign Language Capabilities in the Federal Government—Part II".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on H.R. 3577, a bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; S. 2906, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2942, a bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric project in the State of West Virginia; S. 2951, a bill to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the Upper Columbia River; and S. 3022, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Mampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CLELAND. On behalf of Senator FEINSTEIN, I ask unanimous consent Howard Krawitz, a legislative fellow in

her office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 4444 and any votes thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Marianne Clark of my staff be permitted floor privileges during the pendency of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 3068

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I understand S. 3068 introduced earlier today by Senator KENNEDY and others is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3068) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain limitations on the eligibility of aliens residing in the United States to obtain lawful permanent resident status.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5173

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 5173 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5173) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 103(b)(2) and 213(b)(2)(C) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20. I further ask consent that on Wednesday, imme-

diately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator GRAMM of Texas for 30 minutes, Senator GRAHAM of Florida for 10 minutes, Senator SESSIONS for 30 minutes, Senator DORGAN for 20 minutes, and Senator DURBIN for 30 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. When the Senate convenes at 9:30 a.m., the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the conference report to accompany the legislative branch appropriations bill. Under the previous order, there are approximately 4 hours remaining for debate. Therefore, I expect that the vote will occur at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow on adoption of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4516.

Following the 3:30 p.m. vote, it is hoped that the Senate can begin consideration of the Water Resources Development Act under a consent agreement. Therefore, Senators can expect votes throughout tomorrow afternoon's session of the Senate.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BENNETT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:48 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 19, 2000:

##### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

EDWARD FRANCIS MEAGHER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY), VICE DAVID E. LEWIS, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. CHARLES D. WURSTER, 0000  
CAPT. THOMAS H. GILMOUR, 0000  
CAPT. ROBERT F. DUNCAN, 0000  
CAPT. RICHARD E. BENNIS, 0000  
CAPT. JEFFREY J. HATHAWAY, 0000  
CAPT. KEVIN J. ELDRIDGE, 0000